



Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

St Michael's Parish, Traralgon

St Michael's Church, Traralgon

St Columbkille's Church, Glengarry

St Michael's Vision Statement: Inspired by Jesus Christ, we are a welcoming Catholic Community seeking to enrich lives. Come and join us!

St Michael's Mission Statement:

To provide opportunities for parishioners –

- to grow in holiness
- to discover and live out their personal and community call to mission to live as Catholics who effectively transform society.

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Statement of Commitment to the safety of children and vulnerable adults: Central to the mission of St Michael's Parish is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children, young people and vulnerable adults and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

St Michael's Parish Information

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After office hours - in case of an emergency please call 0448 529 712 and leave a message. All non-urgent calls should be made during office hours.

Baptisms: Six weeks notice required
Weddings: Six months notice required

Parish Pastoral Council: Greg Imhagwe Chairperson, Fr Francis, Sr Doreen, Kevin Taylor, Ray Moretti, Amanda Reid, Jenifer Hanratty, Steve Kimani, Marita Kennedy, Jodie Ware, Ros Joyner, Doug Doherty and Bev O'Brien.

Our Schools:

St Gabriel's School 5174 5515
Principal: Mrs Roslyn Joyner

St Michael's School 5174 3295
Principal: Mrs Jodie Ware

Lavalla Catholic College 5174 5272
Principal: Mr John Freeman
Kildare Campus 5174 8111
St Paul's Campus 5174 7355

Welcome

This weekend, we welcome Bishop Pat to our Parish. He is with us to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on forty of our young people at Mass on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Congratulations to the following children, their families and the Sacramental Team members for all their work and enthusiasm. Our Parish is truly blessed!

Well done to

Benjamin Alesi

Robert Aarons

Beau Backman

Clayton Berryman

Lily Jayde Buckley

Emily Carney

Ryder Colantuono

Elizabeth Cooper

Cassie Davis

Meg Derham

Ava Devenie

Julian Dore

Kayla Dukes

Darcy Fehlberg

Nicholas Fenech

Ciro Galante

Olivia Maria Gilham

Angus Harle

Addison Howe

Etse Imhagwe

Emma Lancaster

Tyler Lapenta

Harry Linehan

Joshua Little

Dakota Maiden

Emma Maiden

Laylah McLachlan

Dylan Rosato

Alanna Gemma Rossi

Alana Scholtes

Chase Stanistreet

Ella Stoddart

Riley Sutton

Constance Townsend

Zali Rose Tripodi

Chloe-Maree Verdaas

Noah Vitale

Madison Vivian

William Wallace

Ashley Zandona



Congratulations!!



A PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS

Loving God, we thank you for all those who are our Mothers. Bless them so that they may always give life and nourishment to those they care for; may their strength and selfless love be great examples for us all.

May we, who receive the benefits and blessings of our Mothers, honour them always with profound love and respect. Amen.



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday	5:30pm	St Michael's Traralgon
Sunday	9:30am	St Michael's Traralgon
	10:00am	St Columbkille's Glengarry
	5:30pm	St Michael's Traralgon

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

May 13 to 18

Mon 13	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
Tues 14	9:30am	Communion Service
Weds 15	11:30am	Exposition
	12:00pm	Communion Service
Thurs 16	9:30am	Communion Service
Fri 17	9:30am	Communion Service
Sat 18	9:30am	Mass

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 10:15am & 5:00pm or any other time by arrangement with Father.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We remember those who have died recently including Sr Lauraine Bryce, Shannon Lansdown and Patricia Little and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Amanda O'Brien, Simon O'Brien, Peg Keary, Ted & Sheila Caldwell, Mons. James O'Mara, Tess Conlon, Joyce Limbom, Pietro Colantuono, Ted McEntee, Dot Mulquiney and Giuseppe Stipani.

Lord, Let your perpetual light shine upon them. May the rest in peace. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

including Maria Alessandrini, Lee Allman, Lulu Aragon, John Besselink, Fr Bernard Buckley, Julie Dal Pra, Ann-Maree Daly, Gary Donchi, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Ron Grinter, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Marie Howard, Joan Lamont, Ann Lapuh, Peter Lont, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah McKerchar, Joan Quigley, Joan Riggall, Malcolm Selzer, Ray Smith, Jerry Templer, Brian Vivian, Celie Smith, Margaret West and Fr Frank Young.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. This reflects the reading from John (10:27-30) where Jesus is described as 'the Good Shepherd'. It is also Vocation Sunday when we give thanks for all our Priests, Deacons, seminarians and Religious.. We will have a leaving collection in support of the Diocesan Bursary Fund for the education of students for the priesthood at all Masses this weekend.

FR FRANCIS AWAY THIS WEEK: Fr Francis, will be away from the Parish during the week this week attending the annual Clergy Retreat, along with the other priests of the Diocese.

BAPTISMS: Our next meeting for those preparing for Baptism is on **Wednesday June 12 at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Office on 5174 2060 for further information.



VISITING NURSING HOME RESIDENTS: We are in need of volunteers who will visit parishioners who are living in nursing homes. There will be a meeting on **May 30 at 2:00pm in the Parish Centre** for all those who have an hour or two to spare each week, and would like to make a difference in their lives. Volunteers must have a current Working With Childrens Check. Please leave your details at the Parish Office if you can help.

RECEIVE THE SPIRIT:

Come and encounter the Holy Spirit in a deeper way in your life.

Thursday evenings

May 09 to 30 7:30 – 9:00pm

Mary MacKillop Hall

For enquiries, phone Cathy McLure on 0432 588 195.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Sunday June 09, we will celebrate Pentecost with a multi-cultural Mass, which will be followed by a multi-cultural celebration in the hall, where our various nationalities will promote their cultural foods, music and costumes.

We are currently seeking leaders from our various ethnic groups. If you are able to help assist the organization of this wonderful celebration, please contact

Greg Imhagwe 0415 682 574,

Amanda Reid 0417 134 532,

Steve Kimani 0405 430 957or

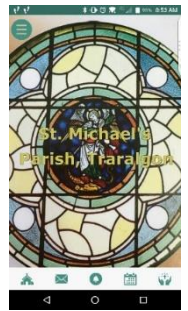
Ray Moretti 0418 510 847.

Be sure to mark this parish celebration on your calendars now, and begin planning 'your' ethnic contribution.

OUR PARISH 'APP': This is definitely the best way to keep up with what is going on in our Parish, and it's so easy to enjoy! Parish information right there, on your phone.

Easily download-able from either the App Store or Google Play.

If you need any assistance, please ask any PPC member or any teenager you know.



Thank you so much to **Maree and Maree** who came in on Tuesday and dusted everything and cleaned the glass. Also to **Cath and Jen and team** who came in on Friday to vacuum. What a wonderful difference your time and generosity make!

TRINITY FAMILIES COLLECTION Trinity Families is the Sale Diocese's charitable fund which does magnificent work providing support for programs which aid families in need of welfare services.

Over the past 15 years it has provided a staggering \$1.5 million to assist other charities to run programs for families in need in our region.

Programs funded include family counselling services, parenting programs, suicide prevention, respite care, drug and alcohol programs and emergency accommodation.

Trinity Families could do much more if it had more financial resources and that is why we need you to respond positively to the annual appeal in our parishes.

The theme this year is *"Be the reason someone smiles today."* Your generosity in supporting this annual appeal will be greatly appreciated.

On the tables are envelopes which can be used for donations. Cheque and credit card donations can be posted back to the diocese but we ask that cash donations are placed in the envelope and returned in one of the Sunday collections. Tax deductible receipts will be provided if you give your email or postal address.

The Trinity Families website www.trinityfamilies.org.au has details if you wish to donate by direct debit. Again, please give generously to this once a year appeal and hopefully we see smiles on the faces of many more struggling families within our diocese.

In our parish, Trinity Family envelopes will be in the Church entrances, and a leaving collection will be taken up at our Masses on the weekend of May 25 and 26.



**VOLUNTEERS
REQUIRED:**

We are in urgent need of three teams of five or six people each, who would be happy to

come and clean our beautiful church. It is usually cleaned twice per month, and takes a team of five about an hour to vacuum, dust and ensure our pews are rubbish free. Currently we do not have a cleaning team for May, so this need is quite urgent. Please let the Parish Office know if you could help out.

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday 14

1:00pm Knights of the Southern Cross,
Mary MacKillop Room

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS:

Should you wish to have information about our Planned Giving program please contact the Parish Office.

Counters -

May 12 Mitchell Team

May 19 Waanders Team

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: All kindergarten and primary-school aged children are welcome to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word which occurs during 9:30am Masses during term time. Contact Marianne Saunders on 0490 628 833 for further details.



ST MICHAEL'S YOUTH GROUP IS TURNING 20! SMY@L

Youth would like to invite past members, leaders, families and parishioners to St Michael's Youth Group 20th Anniversary Reunion.

Friday 24th May 7:00-9:00pm, St Mary MacKillop Hall. Invitation flyers are available in the church foyers, please take one and spread the word! Inquiries and RSVP to Louise on 0414 540 296

FORMATION SESSION: The next Formation Session for our Yr 6 to Yr 12 young people will be held on **Friday 17th May, 7:00-8:30pm** in the Parish Centre. The Guest Speaker at this gathering will be **Doug Doherty**. Anyone interested in bringing food for our youngsters to eat, your generosity would be gratefully and eagerly accepted. Please contact Jen on 5174 7703 to let her know.

YOUTH MINISTRY FUND-RAISING we're now selling chocolates! A box of chocolates contains a variety of 60 individual chocolates, which sell for \$1.00 each. Varieties such as Freddo Frogs, Caramello Koala's, Boosts, Cherry Ripes, Toblerones and Time Outs (Yummo!). If you could sell a box, please let us know at the Parish Office. Chocolates available for sale individually at the office also.

Thank you from the Holy Land Commissariat...

Thank you for the generous donation of \$1480 received from your Parish for 2019 Good Friday collection.

Christians in the Holy Land, though a minority, make an invaluable contribution to the local culture together with their Muslim and Jewish compatriots. Though often disadvantaged, Christians born in the Holy Land show heroic courage in the midst of severe trials and they greatly appreciate the generous support from their fellow Christians overseas. Your donation helps to ensure their survival in their own native land.

The Franciscan Friars are grateful for the generosity of Australian Catholics whose donations help to ensure that the Holy Places are properly maintained as prayerful sites for the local Christians and pilgrims. On behalf of the Christians in the Holy Land and the Franciscans who care for the Holy Places, please convey my thanks to those who have given so generously.

Carl Schafer OFM

Commissary of the Holy Land, Australia.

(taken from a letter Fr Francis received this week)

Rosters for May 18 and 19 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomers	Music	Sacristan
5:30pm	C DiCorleto	S Grout	B Power, M Giddens, D Buckland, Volunteer	H Luque	Diamente Family	Volunteer required
9:30am	R Pearson W Gomez	M Moulton	T Denny, J & W Waanders, L Panozzo-Tilè, A Symonds, Volunteers x2 (or Deacon Tony and one Volunteer)	R Benbow M Blanchard	Charismatic Choir	P & L Van der Velden
5:30pm	H Theissling	Volunteer required	J Reid, D Locke, Volunteers x2	D Buckland		L Theissling

- **Altar Cleaning:** May 12 L Kennedy May 19 S MacManus
- **Church Cleaning:** May *volunteers required please*
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Marianne and Therese
- **Touring Statue of Our Lady:** May 12 N & C Watts May 19 P Ayres
Please contact the family before you leave the statue to make sure they are home. Thank you. For further information regarding roster please contact: Marie Moulton 5174 0938 Email: memou_38@bigpond.com
- **Mick's Kitchen:** May 16 Van Berkel Team May 23 Adroit Team

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 32:5-6

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia!*

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 99:1-3 5 Rv3

(R.) *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

Next weeks Readings 5th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading Acts 14:21-27

2nd Reading Apoc 21:1-5

Gospel John 13:31-35

Second Reading Rv 7:9 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

